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October 6, 2005 – Back to Business Workshop
SHERATON, NEW ORLEANS
500 Canal Street, New Orleans

Agenda

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| 8:00 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vice Admiral Thad Allen, USCG, Principal Federal Official
(Confirmed) |
| 8:10 AM | The Vision for Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana
(Confirmed)- The Honorable C. Ray Nagin, Mayor of the City of New Orleans
(Confirmed) |
| 9:05 AM | Panel – Overview of Federal and Local Business Assistance (Loans & Grants) & Recovery Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Al Judd, Director, Field Operations, US Small Business Administration (Confirmed)- Eugene Cornelius, District Director, Louisiana, US Small Business Administration (Confirmed)- Mike Olivier, Secretary of Economic Development, State of Louisiana (Confirmed)- Don Hutchinson, Director of Economic Development, City of New Orleans (Confirmed) |
| 9:50 AM | Break |
| 10:05 AM | Panel – Overview of Restarting Business Operations, Guidance from State & Local Authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike Centinio, Director of Safety and Permits, City of New Orleans
(Confirmed)- Don Zeringue, Chief Architect, Office of the State Fire Marshall
(Confirmed)- Jo McLean, Sanitarian Regional Director – Region 1 State Office of Public Health (Confirmed)- Representative from the Centers for Disease Control- Robert Jackson, Deputy Director, Sewage and Water Board
(Confirmed)- Pat Ricks, Customer Service Manager - New Orleans region, Entergy (Confirmed)- Keith Hitchens, Manager – External Affairs, Bell South (Confirmed) |
| 11:10 AM | Panel – Overview of Employment & Training Opportunities & Insurance Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative from the US Department of Labor representative- John Smith, Secretary of Labor, State of Louisiana (Confirmed)- Clarissa Preston, Director, Office of Property & Casualty, State of Louisiana (Confirmed) |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch Break |

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12:30 PM	Luncheon Remarks - Parish Perspectives - Parish Leaders (invited)
1:20 PM	Workshop Reconvenes
1:20 PM	Overview of Contracting Opportunities, Services for Small and Disadvantaged Businesses - Ashley Lewis, Director, Rapid Response Contracting, Federal Emergency Management Agency (Confirmed) - Kevin Boshears, Director – Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, US Department of Homeland Security (Confirmed)
1:45 PM	Dismissal to Breakout Sessions
1:50 PM	Breakout Sessions begin [Participants will have the opportunity to hear from the major contracting firms working on the Region's recovery. The presenting contractors will provide brief overviews of the work they are doing and share what they will be looking for in subcontractors. Each of Contractor sessions will last 30 minutes and at the conclusion, participants are encouraged to go to another Breakout session to hear from another Contractor about those opportunities. Five minutes will be allotted for persons to rotate to the various sessions. Sessions will be offered four times.]
2:20 PM	Session 1 Ends
2:25 PM	Session 2 Begins
2:55 PM	Session 2 Ends
3:00 PM	Session 3 Begins
3:30 PM	Session 3 Ends
3:35 PM	Session 4 Begins
4:05 PM	Session 4 Ends
4:15 PM	Workshop Reconvenes/Panel – Overview from the Major Contractors – Helpful Hints on Subcontracting and Guidance on Working Together [Each of the major contractors will have a representative on one final panel that will offer attendees final thoughts and guidance on opportunities on working with them.]
5:00 PM	Concluding Remarks - Don Hutchinson, Director of Economic Development, City of New Orleans (Confirmed)

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